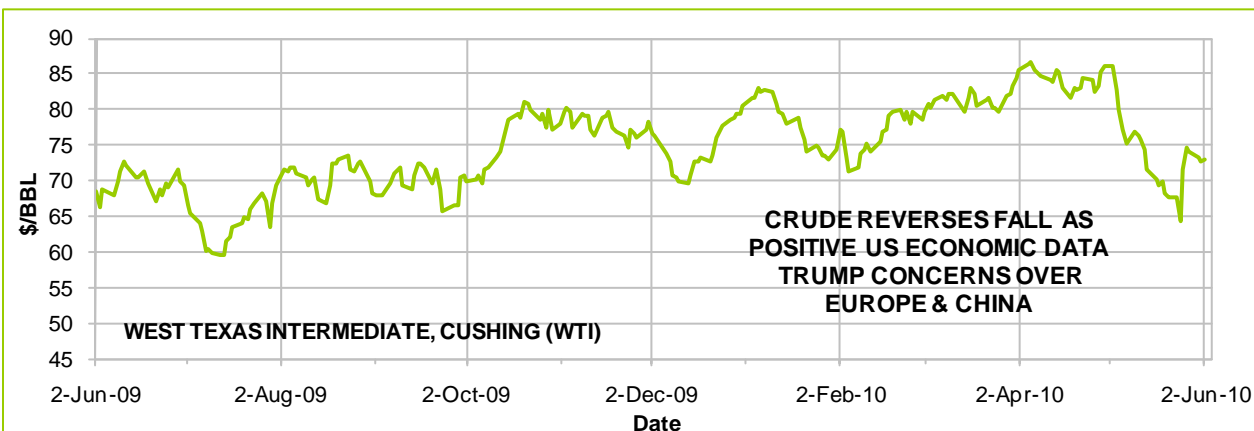


Crude Oil



Crude inventories fell by 1.9 million barrels this past week as domestic production fell by 4% and imports fell by 4.8%. This week's decline was almost twice the 1.0 million barrel decline that was expected and 3 times the 0.6 million barrel average decline for this time period. Crude stocks are now 0.6% below last year but 7.1% above the 5-year average. For this time period inventory levels are now at their second highest level in the past 20 years.

After falling earlier in the week, prices rose yesterday as positive U.S. economic data overcame concerns about Europe and China. Spot prices were up \$1.36 for the week. At \$72.86, they are \$4.31 (6.3%) higher than a year ago but 49.8% lower than 2008's peak price. Futures prices were up \$2.85 for the week. At \$77.85, they are \$5.83 (8.1%) higher than last year but 46.8% below 2008's peak price. Both spot and futures prices are 15.4% lower than a month ago.

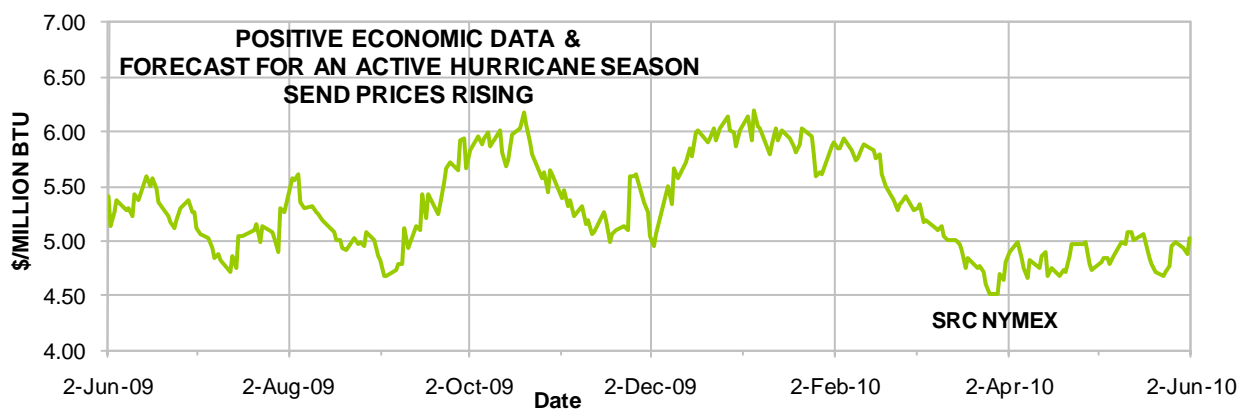


Natural gas



Inventories rose by 88 BCF this past week. This was 11% below the 5-year average gain of 99 BCF and 5% below the expected gain of 93 BCF. Over the past 11 weeks inventories are up by 742 BCF compared to a normal gain of only 509 BCF for the time period. At 2,357 BCF, this week's inventory level is 14.9% above the 5-year average and 1.6% higher than a year ago. It is the highest ever for this date.

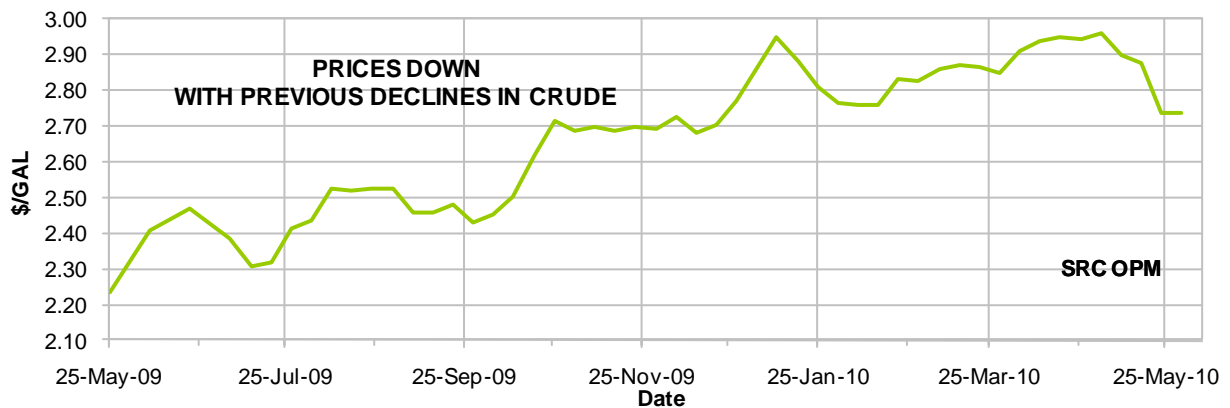
Despite record high inventories, prices have been rising because of positive economic news, growing cooling demand, and forecasts for an active hurricane season. Futures prices settled at \$5.023 per million BTU, up 25.2 cents for the week but 7.2% lower than a year ago. They are 62.3% below their 2008 peak. They have fallen by 19% since the beginning of the year. Spot prices rose by 13.0 cents this past week. They ended yesterday at \$4.330 per million BTU. They are 7.2% higher than a year ago but 67.5% below their 2008 peak price. They are down 42% since the start of 2010.





Distillate stocks fell by 0.4 million barrels this past week. This compares to the expected gain of 1.0 million and the 5-year average gain of 1.4 million. Inventory levels are 2.1% above last year and 25.8% above the five-year average

Spot and futures prices followed crude prices upward this week. The 12 month strip rose by 8.8 cents is now at \$2.116/gal, 17.5 cents (9.0%) higher than a year ago. The spot price was up by 10.5 cents and is at \$2.008 /gal, 24.3 cents (13.8%) above last year. Both are 50% below their 2008 peak prices. Retail prices were flat this past week after falling by 22.1 cents over the previous 3 weeks as heating oil prices followed crude downward. At \$2.737/gal, retail prices are 50.2 cents (22.5%) above a year ago but are \$2.029 (42.6%) below their 2008 peak price. The highest price in this week's survey was \$3.399 and the lowest was \$2.299. According to census data, 49.1% of dwelling units in Connecticut heat with oil.



Connecticut Regional Heating Oil Prices

	FAIRFIELD			HARTFORD			NEW LONDON		
	AVG	HIGH	LOW	AVG	HIGH	LOW	AVG	HIGH	LOW
25-May-09	2.479	2.749	2.199	2.197	2.499	1.749	2.233	2.410	2.029
17-May-10	3.025	3.599	2.500	2.827	3.199	2.499	2.969	3.599	2.699
24-May-10	2.903	3.399	2.340	2.694	3.199	2.299	2.778	3.399	2.450
31-May-10	2.880	3.399	2.440	2.708	3.199	2.299	2.793	3.399	2.440

	LITCHFIELD			MIDDLESEX			TOLLAND-WINDHAM		
	AVG	HIGH	LOW	AVG	HIGH	LOW	AVG	HIGH	LOW
25-May-09	2.213	2.299	1.999	2.259	2.399	2.199	2.116	2.299	1.999
17-May-10	2.817	2.899	2.699	2.934	3.099	2.790	2.799	2.929	2.669
24-May-10	2.665	2.769	2.549	2.726	2.999	2.399	2.661	2.849	2.539
31-May-10	2.663	2.769	2.589	2.769	3.099	2.399	2.646	2.849	2.450

	NEW HAVEN		
	AVG	HIGH	LOW
25-May-09	2.153	2.379	1.909
17-May-10	2.805	2.999	2.590
24-May-10	2.689	2.899	2.399
31-May-10	2.677	2.949	2.399

OPM conducts a weekly survey of retail heating oil prices in Connecticut. These figures reference the most recent results of that survey for the reporting week beginning May 31, 2010. Figures reflect per gallon prices without discount.

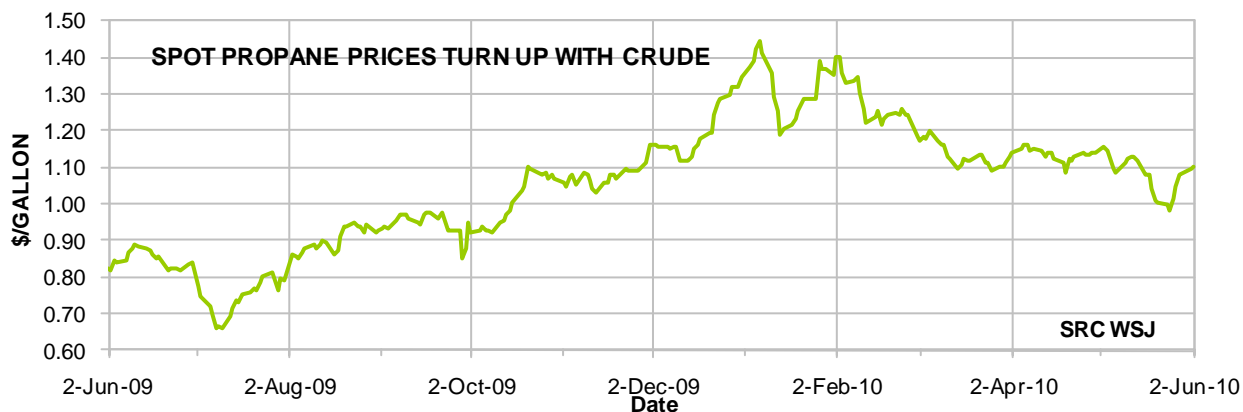
For more information, see www.ct.gov/OPM > Energy Management > Energy Price and Supply Information

Propane



Propane inventories increased this past week by 1.98 million barrels, about the same as the average gain of 2.0 million. A 6.3% decline in production was offset by a 39.1% gain in imports and a 25.5% drop in demand. Over the past 11 weeks inventories have grown by 16.6 million barrels, 53% above the 5-year average change for this time period of only 10.8 million. Current storage levels now trail last year's levels by 18.4% but are 0.9% above the 5-year average.

Spot propane prices had been tracking crude downward but now are rising as crude prices move upward. Spot propane prices were 8.4 cents per gallon higher this past week after falling by 12.1 cents over the previous 4 weeks. At \$1.099 per gallon yesterday, they are 33 cents (27.3%) higher than a year ago but 44.5% lower than their peak 2008 price. According to census data, 2.7% of homes in Connecticut are heated by propane.



Gasoline



Gasoline inventories fell by 2.6 million barrels this past week. This was in sharp contrast to the 5-year average gain of 1.0 million and the expected gain of 0.75 million. Inventories levels are a healthy 7.8% above last year and 5.6% above the 5-year average. Despite the weekly decline, stocks are at their second highest in the past 17 years for this date.

Spot and futures prices rose this past week and as they followed crude upward. The spot price was up by 9.4 cents for the week after falling by 27 cents over the previous 2 weeks. At \$1.959/gal, it is only \$0.061 (3.2%) higher than last year. The 12-month strip rose by 7.6 cents this week after falling by 35.8 cents over the previous 4 weeks. At \$2.018/gal, it was \$0.122 (6.4%) higher than a year ago. Spot prices and futures prices are 43% below their 2008 peaks. Retail prices fell by 4.9 cents this past. At \$2.931/gal, retail prices are 28.7 cents (10.9%) higher than a year ago but 33.2% (\$1.459) below 2008's peak.

